

Councillor Cabada - MoN - Support for Chinatown Adelaide of South Australia Inc. Events and Precinct Activation

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Council

Council Member
Councillor Alfredo Cabada

Public

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MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Alfredo Cabada will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'That Council:

1. Notes the important contribution of Chinatown Adelaide of South Australia Inc. to the cultural, social and economic life of the City of Adelaide.
2. Notes that Chinatown Adelaide of South Australia Inc. delivers significant community and cultural events that attract visitors, support local traders, celebrate multiculturalism, strengthen Gouger Street and Moonta Street, and contribute to the vibrancy of the city.
3. Notes that the South Australian Government has committed \$200,000 over four years, being \$50,000 per year, to support Chinatown Adelaide of South Australia Inc. and its ongoing events and activities.
4. Recognises the strategic importance of Chinatown as one of Adelaide's most recognised cultural and hospitality precincts, and its role in supporting small businesses, tourism, hospitality, evening activity, cultural identity and city visitation.
5. Approves Council matching the South Australian Government's funding commitment by providing \$200,000 over four years, being \$50,000 per year, to Chinatown Adelaide of South Australia Inc., commencing in the 2026/27 financial year, to support the continued delivery and growth of events, activations and precinct-based activities in Chinatown and the surrounding city area.
6. Requests that the funding be incorporated into the 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget and relevant forward financial estimates, prior to final adoption.
7. Requests that Chinatown Adelaide of South Australia Inc. provide an annual summary to Council outlining the events, activations and activities supported by the funding, including business participation, community outcomes, visitation outcomes and any additional sponsorship or funding leveraged.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. Chinatown Adelaide of South Australia Inc. (CASA) has received funding to support the delivery of the Lunar New Year event from the City of Adelaide annually since 2000, reflecting the event's contribution to the cultural and social life of the city.
2. Through the 2025/26 City Community Grants program, CASA was awarded \$20,000 in February 2026 to support the delivery of the 2027 Lunar New Year event.

3. Through the Draft 2026/27 Annual Business Plan and Budget, Administration is proposing the establishment of a dedicated funding pool to support organisations and events that make a significant and ongoing contribution to the cultural and social outcomes of the City of Adelaide.
4. A proposed allocation of \$400,000 has been included within the Draft 2026/27 Annual Business Plan and Budget (page 29) under the Strategic Projects initiative identified as "City Community Grants".
5. Subject to Council's adoption of the 2026/27 Annual Business Plan and Budget, this funding pool would provide a mechanism to support organisations that have demonstrated a sustained capacity to deliver high-quality community outcomes, have a history of successfully securing City of Adelaide funding, and have consistently met all funding acquittal and reporting requirements.
6. Organisations that may be eligible for consideration under this funding model include CASA and the Australia Day Council of South Australia (ADCSA), among others that meet the established criteria.
7. The purpose of the funding pool is to provide greater certainty for strategically important community organisations, enabling longer-term planning, event development and delivery while reducing reliance on annual contestable grant processes.
8. Organisations receiving support through this funding model would continue to be required to provide annual reporting to the City of Adelaide, including details of funded activities, expenditure, participation levels, community outcomes, visitation outcomes and any additional sponsorship or funding leveraged through the City's investment.
9. Once adopted, the specific program and eligibility criteria will be developed.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Not applicable
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	If the motion is carried, the additional funds required to service CASA would mean less money is available to other grant applicants.
Budget reallocation	Not applicable
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the report requested in the motion	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.

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